

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Jasper Economic Development Commission
February 13, 2013**

The Jasper Economic Development Commission met on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

CALL TO ORDER

President Andrew Seger called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

President Andrew Seger	present
Vice President Jim Skillman	absent
Secretary Mark Schmidt	present
Member Robert Whitten	present
Member Ray Snowden	present

Also present:

Renee Kabrick - Commission's Attorney

Kathy Pfister – Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ray Snowden made a motion to approve the Commission's minutes from their January 16, 2013 meeting as presented. Bob Whitten seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE ON DISCUSSION WITH COMMON COUNCIL IN REGARDS TO TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION

President Andy Seger updated the Commission on a meeting held with Council members Dave Prechtel and Kevin Manley, which also included Mayor Seitz, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, Director of Community Development/Planning Darla Blazey and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. The purpose of the meeting was to review the City's current tax abatement application.

President Seger said the group covered several areas. They did a detailed review of the scorecard used by the five businesses that have come before the Commission for tax abatement. The scorecard was discussed category by category. In regards to the targeted businesses category, President Seger said he explained to the Councilmen that the Commission has given greater credit to those companies that are helping the City diversify from the wood and manufacturing base. Also, the Commission has given a "nod" to those companies that implement new technology into their industry to create new jobs. President Seger said there was discussion regarding the scoring in relation to companies acquiring an existing vacant facility, explaining to the Councilmen that there were different scenarios, ranging from a totally vacant facility to a facility that was quickly becoming vacant and would likely 'disappear' if no action was taken.

President Seger explained that discretion was applied to all of the cases. The group also discussed the tax abatement application and process. The group was in agreement that the current process seems to be working well and no changes were needed at this time. The meeting concluded with a discussion concerning compliance with the tax abatement program.

ADJOURNMENT

After some discussion among the Board, a **motion** was made by Ray Snowden and seconded by Bob Whitten to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Andrew M. Seger, President

ATTEST:

Mark R. Schmidt, Secretary